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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

(1) Opening of the session

1. The second special session of the Governing Council will be opened by the President of the Council at its fifteenth session or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council at its fifteenth session.1/

(2) Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for the second special session, as approved by the Council at its fifteenth session, was distributed on 3 April 1990 as document UNEP/GCSS.II/1.

3. The organization of work of the second special session, as proposed by the Executive Director, is contained in annex I to the present document. It is proposed that all the items on the provisional agenda be dealt with in plenary meeting. The Executive Director is suggesting that immediately after the formal opening of the session in the morning of Wednesday, 1 August, the Council should devote the rest of that meeting and the following four meetings to item 3 (Priority evolving environmental issues). At its last meeting, in the afternoon of Friday, 3 August, the Council would take up items 4 (Other business) and 5 (Adoption of the report) and conclude the session with item 6 (Closure of the session). In view of the acute constraints of time, the Executive Director will be proposing to the Bureau that interventions be limited to a maximum of seven minutes in the case of representatives of Governments and to a maximum of five minutes in the case of observers from intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations.

4. Annex II to the present document contains a list of the relevant documents submitted under each item of the provisional agenda.

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UNEP/GCSS.II/1 - Provisional agenda

UNEP/GCSS.II/1/Add.1 - Annotated provisional agenda and organization ofthe work of the session

UNEP/GCSS.II/Inf.1 - Report on the state of preparedness of documents for the second special session

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1/ In keeping with the rules of procedure of the Governing Council (UNEP/GC/3/Rev.3), no election of officers is foreseen at the second special session. According to rule 18, "at the commencement of the first meeting of its regular session, the Governing Council shall elect a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur from among its members". Rule 19 provides that the President, Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall hold office until their successors are elected. The officers elected at the fifteenth session therefore remain in office until the next (sixteenth) regular session of the Council.

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(3) Priority evolving environmental issues

5. Under this item, the Council will have before it one substantive document, namely the report of the Executive Director on priority evolving environmental issues (UNEP/GCSS.II/2).

Background

6. In its decision 15/4 of 26 May 1989, the Governing Council decided to hold a three-day special session in 1990 and decided that the session should "deal with the elaboration of, and the process of making and implementing decisions on, priority environmental issues, in particular ways and means of enhancing the role of the United Nations Environment Programme within the United Nations system in addressing those issues ...". This language was reiterated by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session in its resolution 44/229 of 22 December 1989 by which it, inter alia, supported the Governing Council decision to hold a special session in 1990 of three days duration.

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UNEP/GCSS.II/2 - Priority evolving environmental issues

(4) Other business

7. Under this item, the Council will consider the report of the Bureau on credentials.

Background

8. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure, the credentials of representatives at the second special session of the Council will be examined by the Bureau, which will report thereon to the Council. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each member of the Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

(5) Adoption of the report

9. Section I, paragraph 3, of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 provides that the Governing Council shall report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. It is suggested that the Council's report should be succinct and action-oriented, omitting unnecessary background material and annexes.

(6) Closure of the session

Annex I

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

	A.M.	P.M.
WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST	Item 1: Opening of the session Item 2: Adoption of the agenda Item 3: Priority evolving environmental issues	Item 3: Priority evolving environmental issues
THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST	Item 3: Priority evolving environmental issues	Item 3: Priority evolving environmental issues
FRIDAY, 3 AUGUST	Item 3: Priority evolving environmental issues	Item 4: Other business Item 5: Adoption of the report Item 6: Closure of the session

Annex II

DOCUMENTATION FOR THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

Provisional agenda item		Document symbol
1.	Opening of the session	
2.	Adoption of the agenda	UNEP/GCSS.II/1 UNEP/GCSS.II/1/Add.1
3.	Priority evolving environmental issues	UNEP/GCSS.II/2
4.	Other business	
5.	Adoption of the report	
6.	Closure of the session.	